

# USAASC Newsletter

**Preparing for the Future: People, Teamwork,  
Partnership, Leadership**



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## Message from the USAASC Director

One year has passed since we published the first Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Transformation Newsletter, keeping you informed about new acquisition initiatives and events that have enabled us to align and horizontally integrate the AAC with the overall Army Transformation Campaign Plan. Today, with the creation of the new USAASC Newsletter, we are expanding our newsletter to include not only transformation news, but also all Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Workforce news and events. Your comments have been invaluable and we hope that USAASC can continue Preparing for the Future: People, Teamwork, Partnership, Leadership.

## Acquisition News

**Army Committed to Force Protection, Not False Security.** *Army News Service.* Sept. 10, 2006. By Jim Garamone. MG Jeffrey A. Sorenson, the Army's Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, took exception to an NBC News report that said the Army is not buying an Israeli system, called Trophy, which could protect Soldiers and their vehicles from rocket-propelled grenades. The report alleges the Army manipulated information in favor of a competing Raytheon system, called Quick Kill ... [http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story\\_id\\_key=9543](http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=9543)

## General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) Release 1.1 Provides Proof-of-Concept Results of GFEBS Effectiveness.

Sept. 2006. By Cherie Smith, GFEBS Project Officer. In less than 12 months - essentially the timeframe for a rapid commercial implementation - the Army's GFEBS has proven it has the ability to meet the information requirements needed to operate and support the management of the Army's General Fund. GFEBS Release 1.1 involved a technology demonstration at Fort Jackson, SC, to prove the system met expectations in its initial analysis and design phases.

"Release 1.1 was analogous to a mission-readiness exercise," said LTG Jerry Sinn, Military Deputy for Budget, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial

Management and Comptroller. "Like a battle task that requires 180 days to get Soldiers up to speed on a collective effort, Release 1.1 was about getting the appropriate support people involved and ensuring training activities enabled people to speak the same language, get familiar with GFEBS, and define and determine how people will contribute to the collective effort." <http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

## AL&T Workforce News

### Upcoming Defense Acquisition University

**(DAU) Courses.** ACQ 405 - Executive Refresher Course; Length 8.5 days. Nov. 2006. The Executive Refresher Course provides an acquisition policy, process and lessons-learned update. The class members examine their role as acquisition leaders in a changing environment. Guest speakers lead discussions on contemporary management and leadership topics such as partnering with industry, contracting tools, resource allocations, downsizing, earned value oversight, performance-based logistics and supply chain management.

This course is open to certified Level III members of all career fields. In addition, participants must be (or have been selected for) O-6, GS-15 or the industry equivalent.

[http://www.dau.mil/schedules/coursedetails.asp?crs=ACQ%20405&url=http://www.dau.mil/catalog/Course\\_Description/Course\\_Description%2033.pdf%20](http://www.dau.mil/schedules/coursedetails.asp?crs=ACQ%20405&url=http://www.dau.mil/catalog/Course_Description/Course_Description%2033.pdf%20)

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### **AAC Transformation**

#### **Army Materiel Command (AMC) Stands Up Army Sustainment Command (ASC).**

*U.S. Army News Release.* Sept. 22, 2006. GEN Benjamin S. Griffin, U.S. Army Materiel Command Commanding General (AMC CG), hosted a ceremony Sept. 22, 2006, standing up ASC at Rock Island Arsenal, IL. The newest of AMC's major subordinate commands was created by transforming U.S. Army Field Support Command, an event that represents a major cultural shift in AMC's support to the field Army.

<http://asc.army.mil/news/archive.cfm>

#### **New Naming Convention for Release of the Army Modular Contracting Support Brigade (CSB).**

Unit Identification Codes (UICs) have been established for the deployable Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) structure. The following organizations have been redesignated as CSBs.

PARC Southwest Asia: 408th CSB; UIC: WNH1AA

PARC Europe: 409th CSB; UIC: WNH2AA

PARC Americas: 410th CSB; UIC: WNH3AA

PARC Korea: 411th CSB; UIC: WNH4AA

### **AAC Upcoming Events**

#### **2007 DAU Catalog**

- A prepublication copy of the FY07 DAU Catalog is available online.  
<http://www.dau.mil/catalog/default.asp>

#### **Contingency Contracting Summit**

- Nov 8, 2006
- Defense Acquisition University, Management Deliberation Center

- Topic - Exploring the Challenges Facing Today's Contingency Contracting Community
- For more information contact Mr. Jeff Birch at [Jeffrey.Birch@dau.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Birch@dau.mil)

#### **25th Army Science Conference**

- Nov. 27-30, 2006
- Orlando, FL
- <http://www.asc2006.com/>

### **Opportunities**

**U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute (FTS).** The Army recognizes that in this time of war, we are all Soldiers for freedom. We, as Soldiers, respond to the Call to Duty, which binds us to our service and guides our actions as guardians and defenders of freedom. This service would not be possible without a strong support network. FTS recognizes those supporters who make it possible for Soldiers to serve our country. FTS provides all Soldiers - Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve - with the opportunity to recognize and honor our parents, spouses and employers who make our service possible. FTS additionally recognizes and honors veteran Soldiers of all generations for their legacy of freedom, duty and honor to our country and for their continued support of the Army mission.

<http://www.freedomteamsalute.com/>

### **Important AAC Links**

#### **U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center**

<http://asc.army.mil/>

#### **Army AL&T Magazine**

<http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/default.cfm>

#### **Acquisition Management Branch**

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>

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